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Sir:**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 5, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 6, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 12, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 14, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 16, line 1, delete "or claim 15",
Claim 17, line 1, change "any one of claims 14 to 15" to --claim 14--,
Claim 18, line 1, change "any one of claims 14 to 16" to --claim 14--,
Claim 19, line 1, change "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--,
Claim 21, line 1, delete "or claim 20",
Claim 22, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 21" to --claim 19--,
Claim 25, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 24" to --claim 19--,
Claim 26, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 25" to --claim 19--,
Claim 27, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 25" to --claim 19--,
Claim 28, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 27" to --claim 19--,
Claim 30, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 29" to --claim 19--,
Claim 32, line 1, change "any one of claims 19 to 31" to --claim 19--,
Claim 36, line 1, change "any one of claims 33 to 35" to --claim 33--,
Claim 37, line 1, change "any one of claims 33 to 36" to --claim 33--,
Claim 39, line 1, delete "and any one of claims 1 to 35".
Cancel claims 40 and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Claim 44, line 1, delete "or claim 43",
Claim 45, line 1, change "any one of claims 42 to 44" to --claim 42--,
Claim 47, line 1, change "any one of claims 43 to 46" to --claim 43--,
Claim 48, line 1, change "any one of claims 45 to 47" to --claim 45--,
Claim 49, line 1, change "any one of claims 45 to 48" to --claim 45--,
Claim 51, line 1, change "any one of claims 42 to 50" to --claim 42--,
Claim 53, line 1, change "any one of claims 42 to 50" to --claim 42--,
Claim 56, line 1, delete "or claim 55",
Claim 57, line 1, change "any one of claims 54 to 56" to --claim 54--,
Cancel claim 58 without prejudice or disclaimer.
Claim 62, line 1, delete "or claim 61",
Claim 64, line 1, change "any one of claims 60 to 63" to --claim 60--,
Claim 72, line 1, change "any one of Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11" to --claim 6--,
Claim 81, line 1, change "any one of Claims 76 to 80" to --claim 76--,
Claim 86, line 1, change "any one of Claims 82 to 85" to --claim 82--,
Claim 94, line 1, change "any one of Claims 82 to 93" to --claim 82--,
Claim 100, line 1, change "any one of Claims 96 to 99" to --claim 96--,
Claim 103, line 1, change "any one of Claims 77 to 81" to --claim 77--,
Claim 104, line 1, change "any one of Claims 77 to 81" to --claim 77--,
Claim 105, line 1, change "any one of Claims 77 to 81" to --claim 77--,
Claim 106, line 1, change "any one of Claims 82 to 86" to --claim 82--,
Claim 108, line 1, change "any one of Claims 82 to 85" to --claim 82--.

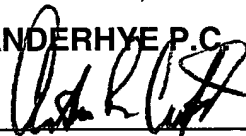
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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